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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action of August 9, 2005 are respectfully requested.

In view of the Amendment filed June 23, 2005, claims 18, 19, 21-26, 32-34, 47, and 49-51 are presently pending in this application. The pending claims include independent claims 18 and 32, and the Examiner rejected each of the independent claims as being anticipated by the Yamada reference (US 6,570,469). The Examiner also rejected all of the dependent claims as being anticipated by the Yamada reference, with the exception of dependent claim 50 which the Examiner rejected as being obvious in view of the Yamada reference in combination with the Takaya reference (US 6,908,960). However, the Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed. For the reasons discussed below, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 18 and 32, and the claims that depend therefrom, are clearly patentable over the prior art of record.